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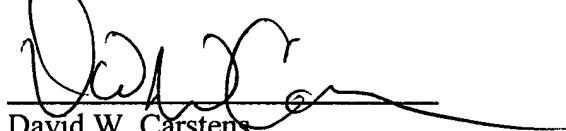
Claims 1-14 were previously pending in this application. The Examiner issued a second restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring the Applicant to elect a single, disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant does not agree with the need for this restriction requirement. However, in order to expedite examination, Applicant will elect Claims 1-4, 10-14 and withdraw claims 5-9. The elected claims are drawn to Group I, Groups A and B. While the Examiner has drawn a distinction between Figure 5A (Group A) and Figure 5B (Group B), the Applicant sees little difference. Indeed, one has a large diameter through hole and the other has a smaller diameter through hole. Claims 3 and 4 could cover either.

REMARKS

A first Office Action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact David W. Carstens at 972.367.2001.

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